

MULTI-VENDOR INTEGRATION PROCESS FOR INTERNET COMMERCEABSTRACT

A method for automatically processing electronic customer orders for configurable products. In one embodiment, a web site that is operable to
5 access a vendor ordering application receives a user who is electronically transferred from a web site or computer that is operable to access an electronic procurement application. Next, the vendor ordering application allows creation of an electronically placed order for a configurable product. The vendor ordering application determines whether any product is
10 configured properly; however, the order will be allowed to proceed even if all the required order processing information is not yet provided. The vendor ordering application then transfers an electronic copy of the incomplete order to the electronic procurement application. Next, the vendor application receives an approval for the order, along with the rest of the required order
15 information. At this point, the vendor application checks to see if the purchase order information is complete and valid.